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CENTRAL VALLEY PROJECT IMPROVEMENT ACT (CVPIA)
DRAFT REPORTS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT

Reclamation and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service have jointly released for public review and comment the draft *CVPIA Ten-Year Report* and draft *10 Years of Progress* report. The reports summarize accomplishments since the 1992 passage of the CVPIA and explain how those accomplishments have fulfilled the intent of Congress and the goals and objectives of the CVPIA.

A Federal Register Notice published on June 19, 2003, begins a 60-day formal comment period which closes on Monday, August 18, 2003. The Department of the Interior seeks the public's comments on whether the draft *CVPIA Ten-Year Report* and draft *10 Years of Progress* report are adequate in reporting actions completed to date, with a focus on reporting methodologies and quantification of the accomplishments. Comments are also sought regarding future CVPIA implementation actions to better identify when all or portions of the CVPIA are complete. In addition, comments are sought on identifying a process that enhances on-going funding decisions.

For additional information or to download the draft reports, please go to Reclamation's website at <http://www.usbr.gov/mp/cvpia/index.html>. You may also contact Patricia Rivera at 916-978-5194 or e-mail at privera@mp.usbr.gov, or write to Bureau of Reclamation, Attention: Patricia Rivera, MP-120, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, CA 95825.

Please submit written comments on the draft reports by close of business on Monday, August 18, 2003, to Patricia Rivera at the e-mail or mailing address listed above.

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